

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1093

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Twyla Blair, on her selection as the Hawkins County School System's 2010 Teacher of the Year at Carter's Valley Elementary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Twyla Blair is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blair has recently been selected as the 2010 Teacher of the Year at Carter's Valley Elementary by the Hawkins County School System, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Twyla Blair received her bachelor's degree in 1973 and a Master of Arts degree in Reading from East Tennessee State University in 1978; and

WHEREAS, a member of the National Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association, and the Hawkins County Education Association, Ms. Blair is currently serving as a grade-level representative at Carter's Valley Elementary; and

WHEREAS, most recently, she served as chair of the School Health Committee during the 2008-2009 year; she has also worked on the Advisory Committee, which was responsible for creating schedules for the school, for writing improvement plans, and for creating a handbook for teachers in the school; and

WHEREAS, in May 1998, Twyla Blair was selected by her fellow teachers as a Teacher of the Year, an award sponsored each year by the Volunteer Ruritan Club of Carter's Valley; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blair rendered sterling service as a member of Delta Kappa Gamma International Society, which is an organization for women educators who work to promote education in their communities; as a member of the Society's Literacy Committee, she worked to place children's books in Hawkins County and Hancock County food banks and health departments; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blair has served with acumen and alacrity as a kindergarten teacher for thirty-seven exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, a long-time member of First Baptist Church of Church Hill, Twyla Blair served as the Children's Department Director for Vacation Bible School during the summers of 2007 and 2008; she has also served as a Preschool Department Director and Children's Department Director in both Sunday School and Vacation Bible School at various times throughout the years, as well as a Sunday School teacher and a worker in Children's Church and the church nursery; and

WHEREAS, Twyla Blair is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blair truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Twyla Blair truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Twyla Blair on being chosen as the 2010 Hawkins County School System's Teacher of the Year at Carter's Valley Elementary, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.